

many breaches so quickly? Well, we know that the rank-and-file officers want to tell us why, but they were not invited to testify. We need the truth, and these men and women need to be able to tell their stories, the story of how their own leadership, and the political leadership in Washington, D.C., failed them and led to the breaches. I include in the Record the press release dated July 28, 2021 from the Capitol Police Labor Committee whose voice, like so many, has been silenced by this Committee. They need to be heard and the truth needs to come out, even if the truth makes political leadership look inept.

Capitol Police Union to House Committee: "Hear All Our Voices"

United States Capitol Police Labor Committee

Washington, D.C.—Capitol Police Officers are suffering a whole-of-force effect from the January 6th attacks on the U.S. Capitol, says the union representing those officers.

The Capitol Police Officers' Union welcomed today's testimony from two Capitol police officers and two MPD officers to the House Committee investigating the Jan 6th insurrection.

Union Chairman Gus Papathanasiou said: "Their testimony is a crucial start to understanding the broad and far-reaching effects on all our officers from the violence that day."

"In support of all our officers, our Union stands ready to provide the Committee with the depth needed to fully grasp the enormity of the events that day and provide the context for how events went so terribly, and tragically, wrong."

"The police response to January 6th represents a disastrous collapse of leadership that was not simply an aberration confined to that one day. It was months and years in the making."

"To fully understand why our officers felt so abandoned, requires an understanding of how they came to be left uninformed and lacking in defenses when it mattered most—when an attack on the U.S. Capitol was being fully realized."

"Most importantly, we arrived at that position of vulnerability because the voices of the rank-and-file-officers had been ignored for years. There was no collaboration from Capitol Police leaders with the frontline officers, instead it was a top-down approach that left a void of information and planning. As an officer working that day, I can attest, there was NO plan, and certainly no contingency plans by the Chiefs."

"That lack of leadership had tragic consequences. The riots led to the deaths of officers, and injuries to an estimated 140 Capitol Police and MPD officers, some of whom will never return to service."

"As individual officers testified today, they did their best and succeeded in their mission to protect all members of Congress and their staff that day. The Committee needs all the facts to understand why the U.S. Capitol was so vulnerable, and why it will remain vulnerable if the broader rank-and-file officers are not heard."

"The most urgent challenge, is to keep the officers we have right now and that requires a renewed faith in their mission and a restored belief that Congress has their backs."

"Poor morale, inequitable pay and conditions, and a leadership that refuses to engage—these are contributing factors to the events of January 6th and they remain factors still, today."

"The Union asks that the Committee listen to the active-duty police officers who have been chosen by the rank and file to represent them."

IN RECOGNITION OF CORALIE ANNE BULL

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish Miss Coralie Anne Bull a happy first birthday.

Coralie was born on July 24, 2020 at 5:59 p.m. in Mullica Hill, New Jersey. She is the firstborn child of Tyler Dietrich Bull and Kristina Debra Bull of Philadelphia. She is the first grandchild of Nancy and Fred Bull, and Monica and Phil Fanfarillo.

On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I wish Coralie Anne Bull a happy first birthday and wish her all the best in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING LEWIS H. WEBBER, A TRUE WORKING-CLASS CHAMPION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lewis Webber, the President of Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees (SOAR) Chapter 4-6, for a lifetime of fighting for the working class.

Lewis Webber was born days before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December of 1941 so he was always ready for a good fight. Advocating for the workers at Bethlehem Steel was in his blood, as many of his relatives, including his father, were employed there. Growing up in a union household, he and his brother heard all the stories from their father about the strikes at Bethlehem Steel, including the famous 53-day 1952 Steelworkers strike, ending with a victory for the hard-working Steelworkers.

It was not a surprise that Lewis Webber and his brother would also go on to work many years of their lives at Bethlehem Steel. Lewis started working at Bethlehem Steel in October of 1964. He was of a member in three separate unions: United Steelworkers, Truckdrivers Union Local, and the United Autoworkers. As a member of the United Steelworkers, he recalls fighting to make sure that the proper withholding was taken out of the employees checks. Later, in 1985, Mr. Webber officially won a grievance against Bethlehem Steel, providing 22 workers an additional \$238 a week for two years, and a pension for the rest of their lives.

When Bethlehem Steel shut its doors, the Western New York community was devastated; however, that didn't stop Lewis Webber from continuing to fight for those who had worked there. He joined the Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees (SOAR), Chapter 4-6 and put the skills he learned from earlier battles to work as he rose in the ranks of leadership becoming Trustee in 1997, Vice President in 2007, and President of the Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees in 2008. There are 430 members of SOAR who rely on his leadership today.

Lewis Webber always says that you can never fight these battles alone. His number

one supporter was his wife, Beverly who unfortunately passed away in 2011. She was also Secretary of the Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees, Chapter 4-6. His children Rosemary, LuAnn, and Kathleen, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are always by his side, fighting the good fight.

Mr. Webber joined our fight over a decade ago to help former Bethlehem Steel employees receive compensation under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (EEOICP) and he continues to work with my office to ensure eligible retirees receive the benefits they deserve. Over \$300 million has been paid out to workers and their families after they were exposed to radiation while working at Bethlehem Steel.

Lewis Webber offered many words of advice, including "I am not doing this to make people millionaires; I am doing this to get them what they need to get by in this world. I am not doing this to help just the Steelworkers; I am doing this to help all Americans," and, "Always fight using your brains, not your fists. At the end of the day your knowledge of the contract will be more likely to help you win the battle." His words demonstrate his commitment to his fellow workers and his lifetime of experience advocating for the interests of Steelworkers.

Many Bethlehem Steel retirees and their families who live in Western New York are better off because Lewis Webber has never stopped and will never stop fighting for them. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the lifelong commitment that Lewis Webber has shown to the former employees of Bethlehem Steel, the greater Western New York community, and the United States as a whole.

HONORING DETECTIVE DAVID MITCHELL

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Detective David Mitchell, a Jamestown Police Department detective who was gravely injured in the line of duty on September 15, 1999, while serving the public and their safety. David should be celebrated and honored for his bravery and sacrifice.

Detective David Mitchell was shot on the evening of September 15, 1999 while meeting up with a drug informant. Since that time, David has recovered from his near-fatal injury, beating all odds, but still contends with hearing and memory loss. His injury could have proven fatal, but he pulled through and continues to be an active member of society.

David served the city not only as a detective, but also as an undercover narcotics officer, showing great dedication and courage. His service to Jamestown and the community is priceless, and it has been recognized by the residents, the police department, and others, including his current employer, Rand Machine, over the years. His service should not be forgotten, and we are honored to be able to recognize him in this way for his bravery and perseverance.

David's service to Jamestown and the surrounding communities during a time of great

need is something that should be revered and remembered. We cannot forget the great personal risk and dedication he showed during his service. Today, we stand and honor his service and sacrifice. Today, we recognize David for his courage, resolve and bravery, and I thank him for all that he has done.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor Detective David Mitchell, former member of the Jamestown Police Department and community hero.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GE XAOCHAY THAO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ge Xaochay Thao. Thao Ge passed away on June 24, 2021. He was a veteran, a father, grandfather, and husband to his wife Pa Moua.

Thao Ge was born on July 31, 1935, in a region known as Roob Tshuaj or Medicine Mountain in the Xiengkhouang Province in Laos to Phoutong Xaochay Thao and Chong Moua. Growing up, Thao Ge had five brothers and three sisters.

As Thao Ge grew older, he was part of the military and was recruited in 1953 by the French Guerilla Commando Military Army (GCMA) and trained as a Paratrooper and Radio Operator in the French Military Camp in Cap Saint Jacques in South Vietnam.

After his training, Thao Ge was one among many in 1954 to march towards Dien Bien Phu to provide military support to the French Army. He returned after learning that the French had lost the battle to the North Vietnamese Army. Thao Ge was then later commissioned as the Chief of "Partisans Militaire", a Military Support Unit in Xiengkhouang.

During his time as Chief, Thao Ge was best known for saving the life of the late General Vang Pao, then Major, from an assassination attempt by their military rivals. The attempt took place in the Plain of Jars in Laos. Because of his bravery and help in protecting Major Vang Pao, Thao Ge and his troop, the "Partisans Militaire", played a significant role in helping reinstate Major Vang Pao back into military power.

In 1961, Thao Ge continued his military services in the Royal Lao Army, holding the rank of Two-Star Lieutenant. He served in the Battalion Volontaire 21 (BV 21) and fought side-by-side with the United States in the Secret War of Laos from 1961–1975. Thao Ge was one of the very few people who were literate, allowing him to serve as an Officer of Disbursement for BV 21.

Extending from his military contributions, Thao Ge paved the way for many Thao clan members and friends to get an education. From 1954 to 1958, Thao Ge and his wife, Pa Moua, opened their home to nearly 30 students, allowing them to attend school in the City.

In 1976, Thao Ge and his family fled Laos to come to the United States as refugees. They first came to Madison, Wisconsin and in 1983 moved to Fresno, California.

He is survived by his wife, Pa Moua, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and his brother James Koua Xaochay Thao.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Ge Xaochay. His service and contributions to the nations and the State of California will be missed. I join his family and friends in celebration of Thao Ge's life.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 29, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

AUGUST 3

Time to be announced

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 1486, to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition, S. 1543, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide best practices on student suicide awareness and prevention training and condition State educational agencies, local educational agencies, and tribal educational agencies receiving funds under section 520A of such Act to establish and implement a school-based student suicide awareness and prevention training policy, S. 2425, to amend the Public Health Service Act to ensure the provision of high-quality service through the Suicide Prevention Lifeline, S. 2401, to reauthorize the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, the nominations of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, Catherine Elizabeth Lhamon, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education, Javier Ramirez, of Illinois, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, and other pending calendar business.

TBA

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General Laura J. Richardson, USA, to be general and Commander, United States Southern Command, Department of Defense.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine regulators and our financial system.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Geraldine Richmond, of Oregon, to be Under Secretary for Science, and Asmeret Asefaw Berhe, of California, to be Director of the Office of Science, both of the Department of Energy, and Cynthia Weiner Stachelberg, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine authorizations of use of force, focusing on administration perspectives.

SD-106/VTC

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine domestic terrorism and violent extremism, focusing on the threat of racially, ethnically, religiously, and politically motivated attacks.

SD-342/VTC

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine student loan bankruptcy reform.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection

To hold hearings to examine protecting consumers from financial fraud and scams in the pandemic recovery economy.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security

To hold hearings to examine toxic marketing claims and their dangers.

SR-253

3 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights

To hold hearings to examine principles and practice of congressional oversight and executive privilege.

SD-226

AUGUST 4

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 451, to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, to help facilitate the adoption of composite technology in infrastructure in the United States, S. 1790, to ensure that the Federal Communications Commission does not approve radio frequency devices that pose a national security risk, S. 1880, to direct the Federal Trade Commission to submit to Congress a report on unfair or deceptive acts or practices targeted at Indian Tribes or members of Indian Tribes, S. 2068, to require the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce to promote and administer programs in the public and private sectors to assist the development of minority business enterprises, to ensure that such Agency has